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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

I have a loyal reader who never [illegible] me down as to how my column [illegible]. He tells me off, and the other [illegible] he declared that I had sort of [illegible] him down" in recent weeks— [illegible] not given him "something to [illegible] by!" Heavens to Betsy, such a [illegible] condition is intolerable. And so to- [illegible], I will write a special column [illegible] this friend who appreciates the [illegible] of "incentives."

And I will do it this way:

It is spring. Ah yes. They say [illegible] March this and March that, but re- [illegible] dless of the date, spring is in the [illegible] and so it is that some of us feel [illegible] old urge to arise and get going [illegible]. Hibernation is all right in its [illegible] way, but there is a younger [illegible] neration proding, and proding, and [illegible] ding.

Whenever I think along this line I recall what now seems to me to [illegible] been the greatest thrill I ever [illegible] in all my travels. Mother Bright- [illegible] and I had driven all the way [illegible] across the American continent, and [illegible] seen fabulous sights to fill our [illegible] of memory many times over. [illegible] at came a day when we left [illegible] Vegas, Nevada, and struck out [illegible] the road to the Pacific.

Right from the beginning of that [illegible]'s journey, I became excited. In [illegible] few hours we would see California! [illegible] felt that I too, would be like [illegible] upon a peak in Darien" to [illegible] the Pacific! Water is water [illegible] a feeling of expectancy [illegible] the old pioneers who had cross- [illegible] the continent in covered wagons [illegible] finally reached California! [illegible] the incredulous Boulder Dam [illegible] incomparable Grand Can- [illegible] set me up for such a feel- [illegible] a whirl [illegible] Vegas.

A spectacular drive, down- [illegible] the California coast. I have [illegible] on the wall, of old Father [illegible] standing beside the sign [illegible] State Line." I am now [illegible] that that day I felt keyed [illegible] more expectancy than I can [illegible] in traveling.

We drifted down hill for all of [illegible] miles. Then we began to hit the [illegible] countryside of teeming [illegible]. Coming in from Nevada, [illegible] U. S. 66 —the Main Street [illegible]ica—heaven knows, we had [illegible] it hundreds of miles across [illegible]ahs and the Rockies— again [illegible]morrow. I well remember the [illegible] we stopped at there—and [illegible] could hardly wait to get on to the [illegible]est. Victorsville, Oro Grande, and [illegible]ich country as we had never seen. [illegible] would see again until we saw [illegible] few days later the glorious por- [illegible] of California south of L. A. [illegible] and back towards Yuma. We then [illegible]ed to San Bernardino. Mother [illegible]ad was driving. I was excit- [illegible] and got behind in taking notes [illegible] what we saw. We stopped at a [illegible] lapidary shop and I loaded [illegible] floor at my feet with rare stone [illegible]mples. Thousands and thousands [illegible] acres of grapes. In fact, thousands [illegible] acres of everything. It was the [illegible]odern Garden of Eden. And so we [illegible]ove into Pasadena and into won- [illegible]erful Los Angeles County, and the [illegible]reatest flow of auto traffic I have [illegible]ver seen—greater than New York's [illegible]imes Square! From then on it was [illegible]ay after day of sight-seeing, at [illegible]ollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa [illegible]onica, etc. And finally along the [illegible]eautiful Pacific shoreline down to [illegible]an Diego. What can a fellow write [illegible] do justice by the way California [illegible]s every thrill of expectancy you [illegible] when you crossed the state [illegible].

And so, this gets me back to my [illegible]end. He needs "a lift" to boost [illegible]m along. I put it to you, suppose [illegible]u had, and suppose I had, and [illegible]uppose everyone had, the feeling [illegible] have described above: today is go- [illegible]g to be the greatest day in my [illegible]e! Today I'll see new and wonder- [illegible]ful things I will never forget! To- [illegible]ay I want to be sharp, keep my [illegible] open and take it all in, be- [illegible]use I may never come this way [illegible]gain! Live this one day to the hilt! [illegible] felt that mood on other [illegible]casions, too. But I wish I could [illegible] each day with the hope, the [illegible]xpectancy, I sensed the day I cross- [illegible]d the state line into California.

Actually, I know this friend very [illegible] has a lion's share of this [illegible]portant quality. It is just that we [illegible]e human and sometimes need a bit [illegible]ding to say of each day: This [illegible]s Spring helps get us into that [illegible]ect. Thanks for Spring.

Printing Co. Reproduces Lee's Last Order

Appomattox continues in the spotlight of national attention as a peace shrine, and is remembered as the location of the peace ending the War Between the States, April 9, 1865. One of the latest items under this heading is a smartly presented booklet by The Lakeside Press of the R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., of Chicago, entitled, "General Order Number Nine." Not for sale and with limited distribution, the booklet nevertheless is in the keepsake classification. The Times-Virginian has just received a complimentary copy from the publishers and has used it as a "showpiece" all week.

The publishers have reproduced the famous last order and farewell of General Lee to the Army of Northern Virginia, April 10, 1865, that it might readily be taken for an original.

To accompany this excellent reproduction, the publishers have inserted into the folder, done in Confederate gray, a nicely done sketch with reproductions of passages from General Grant's Memoirs. Included also is a fine drawing of the scene in the parlor of the McLean House, showing the group which has been preserved in the Guillaume painting.

The over - all effect is simple, dignified, and in the opinion of the Times-Virginian an excellent contribution to the ever growing file on Appomattox.

VERA P.T. A. TO SPONSOR MINSTREL

The Vera P. T. A. will sponsor a minstrel this Saturday evening March 19, at 8:00 o'clock. The 1955 Dixie Doodle will star Leonard Garrette as John Henry Culpeper and His Comedians. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the fun.

Local U.D.C. Meets Tonight

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Calvin Robinson. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. G. L. Doss and Mrs. H. G. Johnson will be co-hostesses. Mrs. K. E. Coleman will present a program on Horses and Cavalry of the Confederacy.

ABBITT HAS COOKBOOKS FOR DISTRIBUTION

A 96-page government-printed cookbook, prepared by the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture, is now being made available to Fourth District residents through the office of Representative Watkins M. Abbitt.

The congressman has reported that a limited number of the cookbooks have been made available to him for distribution to interested persons in the district.

The book is being offered free of charge to those who request it from Representative Abbitt, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

$486 Donated In County Red Cross Drive

It was announced that $486.96 has been turned in thus far in the annual Red Cross Roll Call drive in Appomattox County. The goal for the drive is $2,065.

Curry Harvey, chairman, and Gene Paulette, co-chairman, urge that workers turn in their reports so that the drive may be completed this month.

Oklahoma Firm Gets Pipeline Contract

2 More Announce for County Offices

There were three developments on the county political front this week, as the deadline neared for candidates to file, subject to the Democratic primary election in July.

First—Mr. F. A. O'Brien, veteran member of the County Board of Supervisors confirmed reports that he would not be a candidate for re-election, when he informed The Times-Virginian that he would retire at the end of his present term.

Second— Richard M. Webb announced that he would be a candidate for Supervisor from the Clover Hill District.

Third— H. H. Caldwell, Jr., announced that he would be a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Revenue.

Mr. O'Brien has been a member of the Board of Supervisors since November 11, 1925, one of the longest records of public service in the history of the county. Prior to then he had been a Clerk to the Clover Hill District Road Board He had also served on the School Board. He has been a member of the County Board of Public Welfare since June 24, 1938.

Mr. Webb, a Clover Hill farmer, will be seeking the office to be vacated by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Caldwell will be making his first bid for public office against the veteran incumbent, J. H. O'Brien, who announced last week that he would be a candidate for re-election.

Other candidattes already announced include F. L. Murphy, for re-election as Southside District Supervisor, and J. Garland Plunkett, for County Treasurer.

4-H Club Elects New Officers

The 4-H County Council met at the court house on March 12, to decide on goals for the coming year. There were 48 members present.

Audrey Evans had the devotion. Assistant County Agent Bailey G. Wilkinson spoke on coming 4-H events and suggested some goals. R. B. Hudgins, County Agent, spoke on "The Ever Changing World," and Calvin Robinson gave pointers on how to be a good reporter.

The new officers are:

President, Gene Carson
Vice-president, Ann Martin
Secretary, Shawn Mabley
Treasurer, Patsy Williams
Reporter, Penny Abbitt
Song leaders: Carole Couch and Bobby Barger.

Legion Women To Collect Old Eyeglasses

Unit 104, American Legion Auxiliary, met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Fred Smith, with Mrs. Smith, Mrs. T. E. Dickerson and Miss Hilda Cabiness as hostesses. The program was under the direction of the Community Service Committee, and Captain W. W. Blythe, of the State Police was guest speaker. Captain Blythe spoke on Highway Safety and gave a radar demonstration.

At the business session, the unit voted to frame three of the Freedom Foundation's posters for the Legion Building and school, and to collect old eyeglasses for the Society for Prevention of Blindness, and to donate $50.00 to a David Christian memorial clinic fund.

The Society for Prevention of Blindness can use all of the old eyeglasses it can get. A group of doctors from Washington and Baltimore give their time to analyzing and remodeling glasses and they are distributed to the Front Royal Nursing Services and clinics throughout the country. The Legion Auxiliary Unit 104 is collecting these glasses, and urges the public to give their eyeglasses to any Auxiliary member, to leave them at R. D. Robinson's store, or give them to any Hi-Y boy at school.

Dates Listed For Dog Shots

Rabies vaccination of dogs in Appomattox County, required now under a new county law, got underway this week. A series of clinics is being held, under the sponsorship of the County Health Department. The following is the schedule for the next few days:

March 18.- Spout Springs, Wheeler's Service Station, 1:00 to 3:30.

March 21.- Evergreen, Hamilton's store, 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

March 23.- Pamplin, at Pamplin Town House, 1:00 to 4:00 P. M.

March 24.- County Line, at W. V. Jones' store, 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

March 25.- Richwood, at Brannan's store, 1:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Eloise Couch Wins in Zone Competition

Miss Eloise Couch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Couch, local and district winner in the Oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion, was again a winner in the Zone 3 contest held at Hampton.

Miss Couch's oration is on "Sovereignty of the People, Then and Now."

As winner of the zone contest, Miss Couch will be one of the three entries in the state contest, to be held in Lexington March 22.

Appomattox High School has had three previous district winners, Joyce McCormick, Fred Carr and William Runkle.

Flower Show April 23-24

"Music in Bloom" will be the theme of the Flower Show to be staged by the Appomattox Garden Club during Historic Garden Week in Virginia. The show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, in the American Legion Building. Plans are being made for the most unusual show, according to Miss Beulah Ferrell, Flower Show chairman.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Childers have issued invitations to their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 27, from two to five o'clock, at their home near Liberty Chapel.

Father-Son FFA Banquet

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will have a Father - Son Banquet tonight at 7:00 o'clock. The banquet will be held at Liberty Baptist Church.

H. B. Pack, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, will present Farm Electrification awards and Farm Mechanics awards.

Guest speaker will be Sgt. C. E. Hives, of the State Police.

Speech Class Presents 4 Plays

Thursday, March 24, the Speech Class of Appomattox High School will present four one-act plays, at the school auditorium. Having studied necessary essentials of drama in class, these plays are a project of the year. There will be no admission charged, but a free-will offering will be taken in order to defray the royalty expenses.

Abbitt to Aid Prosecution In Mayberry Trial

Watkins M. Abbitt, Fourth District Representative in Congress, will assist his brother, Commonwealth's Attorney G. F. Abbitt, Jr. in the prosecution of Frank Mayberry, accused of a double slaying at Evergreen last month.

Two Farmville attorneys have been designated to defend Mayberry. They are William F. Watkins, Jr. and J. B. Wall, Jr.

The Farmville laywers were appointed by the Circuit Court, after reports that Mayberry had been unable to secure counsel.

Date for preliminary hearings have not been set. Mayberry is being confined in the Lynchburg jail. He is charged with the deaths of his brother-in-law, Jack Tucker, and Dr. D. A. Christian, III.

List Schedule For 4-H Camps

Dates when the 4-H Club Camp at Holliday Lake will be available to club members in local counties were determined at a recent meeting of Central Virginia Extension Service supervisors.

The camp will open on June 13, with Robert R. Schotzberger, of the faculty of the Buckingham Central High School, as assistant manager for the summer-long camp.

The schedule for local counties:

June 20 - 25: Charlotte, Pittsylvania and Halifax.

June 27 - July 1: Presbyterian Church group.

July 4 -9: Appomattox, Prince Edward, Botetourt and Amherst.

July 25 - 29: Forestry Camp.

August 1 - 6: Buckingham, Nelson and Bedford.

August 15 - 20: Methodist Church group.

Annually some 1,500 4-H Club boys and girls, with their adult leaders visit Holliday Lake Camp, making Appomattox their nearest headquarters coming and going from the beautiful nearby lake area.

Artmobile Here 2 Days

The Artmobile, a traveling museum sponsored by the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs, and given to the people of the state by Miller & Rhoads, is in Appomattox, and is located on the lot at the rear of the high school. The Artmobile arrived here yesterday. The public is invited to view the art exhibit between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 P. M., and 7:30 and 8:30 P. M. The Artmobile is open to school pupils throughout the county from the hours 9:30 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:15 to 3:30 P. M. each of the two days.

Mrs. Martin L. Webb, chairman of hostesses, has announced the following hostesses to serve during the visit: Mrs. Leonard Anderson, Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr.; Mrs. Charles F. P. Crawley, Mrs. Joel W. Flood, Mrs. David Trent, Mrs. Roger Norfleet, Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mrs. R. D. Robinson, Miss Hilda Cabiness, Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.; Mrs. L. Crawley, Mrs. Richard Janatka, Mrs. J. A. Burke, Mrs. David Randolph Caldwell, Mrs. F. F. Carr, Miss Flora B. Williams, Mrs. H. P. Davis, Mrs. L. L. Stanley, Miss Laura Mottley, and Mrs. G. F. Abbitt, Jr.

Grade Pupils To Present Program at P.-T.A. Meeting

Appomattox P.-T. A. will meet next Tuesday, March 22, in the high school auditorium at 8:00 P. M. The program will be presented by Miss Flora Williams and her grade pupils.

The Times-Virginian is informed that contract for the laying of approximately 84 miles of pipeline as a "loop" to the present lines of the Transcontinental Natural Gas Pipeline Corp., has been awardeed to Williams Bros. Construction Co., of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was understood that the contract was awarded Monday of this week. No date has been set for work to get under way, but it is thought that work crews will assemble late in April. The project will require about four months.

Appomattox has invited the contractor to set up headquarters here for this project.

Chas. F. James, Mayor of Appomattox, was in telephone communication with the Tulsa office of Williams Bros. Tuesday morning, and offered every facility of the town and community during this project. Mayor James noted that Appomattox was the "logical place" for the headquarters, due to its central position along the 84 miles of proposed line, and due to the presence of Transco's Compressor Station here, where the company has its own radio station to handle communication up and down the line.

The Mayor also pledged the efforts of the people to Appomattox to provide quarters for the workmen and their families, recalling the successful handling of the housing problem when the original pipeline was laid five years ago. Dr. James added that he plans to maintain contact with the contractor and assures the people here that every effort is being made to have the headquarters established here again as in 1950.

The project is part of a long-range program of Transco to increase the carrying capacity of its transmission lines. The "looping" will be done with thirty-inch steel pipe.

Thirty-three carf of pipe were unloaded at Long Island ten days ago, and another 33 cars was unloaded at Phoebe, near Concord, this past week-end. A third shipment of 33 cars is now en route to Scottsville.

It is understood that Williams Bros, is one of the largest outfits in the pipe-laying business and has successfully handled projects of this kind in Arabia and many locations in this country.

It will be recalled that the laying of the original lines of Transco brought an economic boom to this area. Appomattox was headquarters for the contractor and workmen for some five months, and mastered the housing problem. Many house trailers were brought in by workmen, especially those with families. It is held that the accomodations can be provided with even greater ease this time, because there will not be as many workmen, and new building here in recent years simply makes more rooms available.

Pre-School Clinic Dates

Pre-school examinations for children entering the first grade in the fall will be held at the Appomattox Health Center on dates listed below.

Parents should accompany children for this examination, so that if any defect is found the parents will have an opportunity to have this corrected before the child enters school. Necessary immunizations will be given at this time. No other examinations will be given except as noted below. Parents are urgently requested to have their children at these clinics. There will be no charge for this service.

A child to enter the first grade must have attained age of 6 years by October 1st, 1955.

Clinics will be held as follows:

March 17, 9:00 A. M., Thursday, Appomattox school.

March 18, 9:00 A. M., Friday, Carver and Cannan schools.

March 24, 9:00 A. M. Thursday, Appomattox school.

March 31, 9:00 A. M., Thursday, Pamplin and Evergreen schools.

April 1, 9:00 A. M., Friday, Stonewall, Spout Spring, Mt. Airy, and Roadside schools.

April 7, 9:00 A. M., Thursday, Oakville, Vera, and Spout Spring schools.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAKE EXAMS

All children who will attend Appomattox School and have not had their pre-school examinations, please come to the Appomattox County Health Center on Thursday, March 24, between 9:00 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.